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# OHIO

## WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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### OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the state was 68.8 degrees, 0.1 degrees below normal for the week ending Sunday, June 15. Precipitation averaged 1.95 inches, 1.02 inches above normal. Growing degree days were 18 points below normal.

Reporters rated 1.6 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven day period ending Friday, June 13. This is 3.1 days less than last year and 2.5 days less than the 1998-02 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 29 percent adequate, and 71 percent surplus.

#### Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 <sup>st</sup> week of April
2003	1.6	1.7	32.4
2002	4.7	3.1	26.9
1998-2002 Average	4.1	3.8	41.3

#### Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	0	0	29	71
Last Week	0	0	46	54
Same Week Last Year	0	2	64	34
1998-2002 Average	4	9	58	28

### FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY JUNE 15

Reporters estimate 97 percent of the **Corn** crop has been planted. This is one day ahead of last year but six days behind the five-year average. Ninety-six percent of corn plants have emerged. This is six days ahead of last year and

the same as the five-year average. **Soybean** producers have 83 percent of their crop planted. This is the same as 2002 but 10 days behind the five-year average. Seventy-seven percent of soybean plants have emerged. This is six days ahead of last year but four days behind the five-year average. Reporters estimated 28 percent of **Winter wheat** has turned color. This is one day ahead of last year and six days behind the five year average. Forty-one percent of the **Oat** crop is now headed. This is one day ahead of last year, but six days behind the 1998-2002 average. Approximately 94 percent of the **Potato** crop have been planted. This is seven days behind last year, and 11 days behind the five-year average. Farmers have harvested 29 percent of **Alfalfa** hay and 21 percent of other hay. Vegetable producers have 94 percent of **Processing Tomatoes** planted. This is the same as last year and the same as the 1998-02 average. Forty-five percent of **Cucumbers** have been planted. **Strawberry** growers have 44 percent of their crops harvested. This the same as last year but five days behind of the 1998-02 average.

Warmer temperatures across Ohio have some of us thinking summer is finally on the way. However, wet conditions continue to persist throughout much of the state. The corn planting season is nearing it's end with some in the farming community giving up on this years crop. Many have reported that field crops are a few weeks behind normal development, a direct result of the cool, wet weather. Field activities included planting, replanting grain crops in certain spots, pesticide and fertilizer application, and a little hay bailing. Vegetable producers harvested cabbage, broccoli, and green beans.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Excessive rains have lead to fungal development among many of the fruit crops. Corn was rated 52 percent good to excellent condition. Reporters indicated the warm weather last week helped crop conditions improve but additional warmer temperatures are needed. Respondents estimated pastures at 74 percent good to excellent condition. Winter wheat was rated at 80 percent good to excellent condition.

### PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY JUNE 15

Crop	2003	2002	1998-02 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Alfalfa hay 1 <sup>ST</sup> cutting	29	57	73	23	NA
Cucumbers planted	45	63	63	43	NA
Corn planted	97	96	99	95	NA
Corn emerged	96	83	96	90	91
Oats headed	41	39	58	35	NA
Other hay 1 <sup>ST</sup> cutting	21	40	60	17	NA
Potatoes planted	94	98	98	93	NA
Processing tomatoes planted	94	94	94	79	NA
Soybeans planted	83	83	93	77	84
Soybeans emerged	77	61	83	62	62
Strawberries harvested	44	44	60	27	NA
Winter wheat turning color	28	27	56	8	NA

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY JUNE 15

CORN	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	3	12	33	43	9
Previous Week	2	11	34	44	9
Previous Year	3	11	37	41	8
HAY	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	4	14	33	43	6
Previous Week	4	8	30	50	8
Previous Year	3	10	34	46	7
OATS	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	5	30	55	9
Previous Week	1	7	26	57	9
Previous Year	2	12	34	47	5
PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	4	21	58	16
Previous Week	1	4	20	57	18
Previous Year	1	5	27	56	11
SOYBEANS	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	3	8	33	47	9
Previous Week	2	10	33	47	8
Previous Year	3	7	39	41	10
STRAWBERRIES	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	2	4	19	57	18
Previous Week	2	3	20	61	14
Previous Year	1	4	32	51	12
WINTER WHEAT	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	3	16	56	24
Previous Week	1	2	15	56	26
Previous Year	2	7	28	49	14

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY JUNE 15

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days <sup>1/</sup>			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	67.6	-1.4	1.83	0.93	11.12	2.26	107	-25	698	-105
North Central	68.2	-0.4	2.37	1.47	11.84	2.85	110	-19	693	-83
Northeast	67.3	0.7	2.03	1.09	11.88	2.80	107	-14	653	-84
West Central	69.2	-0.4	2.10	1.12	11.82	2.02	118	-19	790	-67
Central	69.4	-0.1	2.29	1.35	12.92	3.25	119	-17	823	-56
Central Hills	68.2	0.3	2.12	1.17	12.17	2.55	110	-17	735	-61
Northeast Hills	67.9	0.1	1.58	0.66	11.92	2.55	109	-18	738	-77
Southwest	69.9	-0.5	2.06	1.17	12.24	1.52	121	-20	861	-65
South Central	70.3	0.4	1.65	0.73	15.03	5.52	124	-15	918	-48
Southeast	69.1	0.4	1.60	0.66	12.99	3.50	118	-14	841	-49
STATE	68.8	-0.1	1.95	1.02	12.43	2.90	115	-18	782	-69

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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